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SOURCE

- Effective 1 March 1953, the Wasserstraßsenämter (waterway offices) (NSA) in Rathenow, Waren/Mueritz and Tangermünde were dissolved, and the duties of the Waterway Office in Rathenow taken over by the Waterway Office in Brandenburg, those of the Waterway Office in Waren/Mueritz taken over by the Waterway Office in Grabow and those of the Waterway Office in Tangermünde taken over by the Waterway Office in Wittenberge. Source believed that the dissolution was made because no suitable head officials were available.
- Effective 1 March 1953, the Wasserstrassendirektion (Waterway Inspectorate) in Berlin was placed in control of the Waterway Offices in Eberswalde, Fuerstenwalde, Frankfurt/Oder, Zehdenick, Brandenburg and Grabow, and the Waterway Inspectorate in Magdeburg in control of the Waterway Offices in Magdeburg, Dresden, Torgau, Wittenberg, Wittenberge and Halle.

- Comment. It is believed that the three waterway offices were dissolved, not only because of the shortage of suitable head officials, but also for the purpose of reducing the number of personnel and offices.

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